



WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

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Seasonal Patterns Help Drive Down Unadjusted Unemployment Rates in July

The Fox Valley Region's unadjusted unemployment rate declined 0.7 of a percentage point in July as the number of employed rose and the labor force declined slightly. The unemployment rate for the region was 4.0 percent. This was well below the region's unemployment rate last July when the rate was 5.0 percent.

The increase in the number of employed and a minimal change in the labor force is typical for the area in July. Over the month, the number of employed rose 2,000 to 337,500 in the Fox Valley area, while the in the labor force dropped 600 to 351,500.

The number of employed remained above last year with 4,100 more employed this July. Over the last year, there has been very little change in the number of workers in the labor force. The July figure was down

100 from one year ago.

All of the areas within the seven county Fox Valley WDA had their monthly rate decline in July. The declines ranged from a drop of 0.5 of a percentage point in

Fond du Lac at 4.4 percent to 1.8 of a percentage point in Green Lake County to 3.9 percent. Waushara County had the highest rate in the region at 4.9 percent while the Appleton/Oshkosh MSA was the lowest at 3.8 percent.

The rate for the region was 1.2 of a percentage point below last July as all of the areas in the region were be-

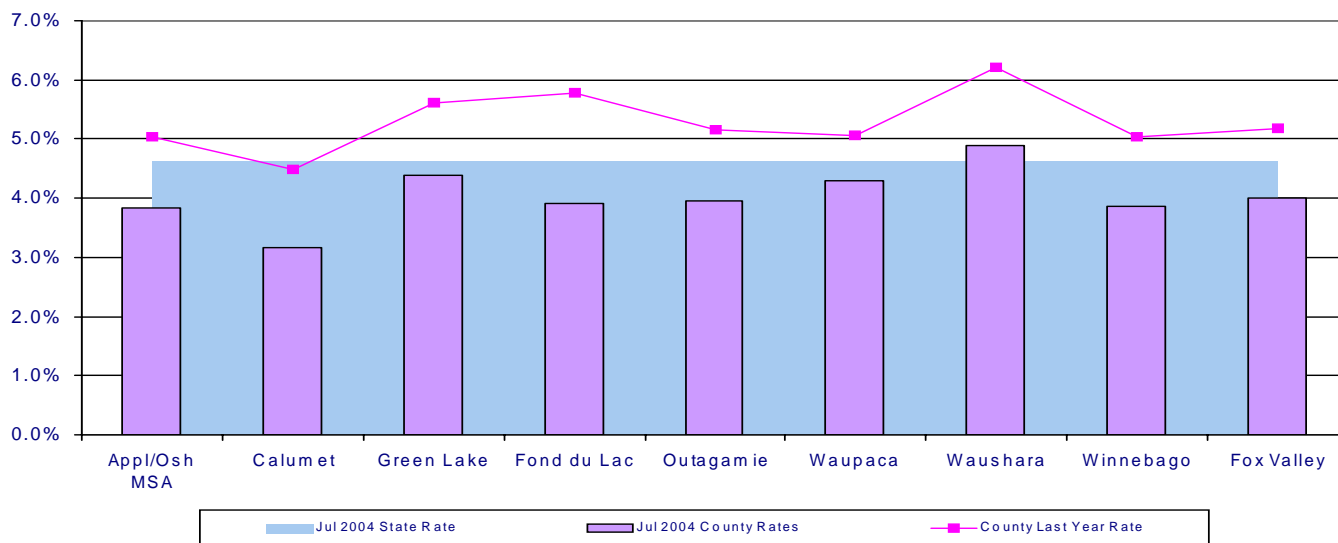
low one year ago levels. Decreases in unemployment range from 0.8 of a percentage point to 2.9 of a percentage point. These over-the-year declines were very simi-

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Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)			
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah Msa	Wisconsin	United States (000's)
July-2004			
Civilian Labor Force	234,912	3,108,600	147,856
Employment	225,390	2,963,200	139,660
Unemployment	9,522	145,300	8,196
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.7%	5.5%
June-2004			
Civilian Labor Force	(1,400)	(8,400)	577
Employment	(900)	1,300	629
Unemployment	(400)	(9,800)	(52)
Unemployment Rate	-0.1%	-0.3%	-0.1%
Jul-2003			
Civilian Labor Force	(975)	18,700	1,204
Employment	2,025	51,000	2,056
Unemployment	(3,000)	(32,400)	(852)
Unemployment Rate	-1.2%	-1.1%	-0.6%

Note: All estimates are rounded and preliminary, based on place of residence

State and County Unadjusted Unemployment Rates



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lar to the seasonally unadjusted rate for the State of Wisconsin, which was down 1.1 of a percentage point during that period of time.

Nonfarm wage and salary (NFWS) employment in the region declined during July. The decrease of 2,100 was primarily in local government. This is a result of schools closing during June, and the release of education related staff for the summer months. Most of these jobs will be added back into the labor force in September and is a common occurrence throughout the state and nation. Not including government employment, the number of jobs increased 500 in the Fox Valley Area during July. The total number of jobs estimated in the region is 288,900. This is up 1,700 from last July. Manufacturing has added 1,900 jobs over the last year. During July, the number in the manufacturing sector increased by 700 to 66,700. This was offset by monthly losses in government, trade, transportation and utilities and financial activities.

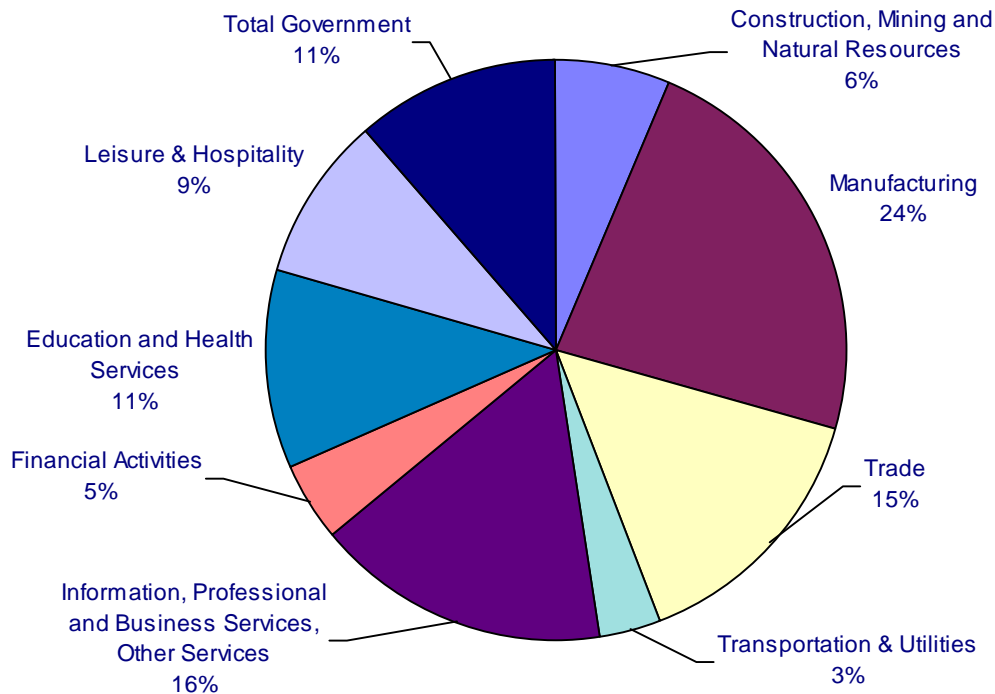
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA was 4.1 percent, down 0.1 of a percentage point from last month. Wisconsin's rate was 4.7 percent and the U.S. was at 5.5 percent.

Rates for other MSA's around the state were: Green Bay, 4.2 percent; Sheboygan, 4.2 percent; Milwaukee, 5.0 percent, Wausau, 3.9 percent, and Madison, 2.5 percent. The nation's unemployment rate was 5.5 percent, and Wisconsin's was 4.7 percent. Nine of the state's eleven MSA areas had a decline in their seasonally adjusted rate during June. Sheboygan was the only MSA with an increase, rising 0.2 of a percentage point to 4.2 percent, and Green Bay was unchanged at 4.2 percent.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at: <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi>.

Percent of Employment by Industry in the Fox Valley



Wisconsin Fox Valley Workforce Development Area							
July 2004	Appl/Osh MSA	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Fox Valley WDA	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force**	240,800	58,800	10,600	28,500	12,800	351,500	3,175,500
Employed	231,600	56,300	10,200	27,300	12,200	337,500	3,028,400
Unemployed	9,200	2,600	400	1,200	600	14,000	147,100
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.4%	3.9%	4.3%	4.9%	4.0%	4.6%
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	4.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.7%
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	205,700	47,800	7,600	21,600	6,200	288,900	2,846,400
Total Private	184,500	42,200	6,400	17,800	4,900	255,900	2,469,900
Goods Producing	62,800	13,600	1,800	5,900	1,200	85,300	666,900
Service Producing	142,900	34,200	5,800	15,700	5,000	203,500	2,179,500
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	13,900	3,000	500	900	400	18,600	143,200
Manufacturing	48,900	10,700	1,300	5,000	900	66,700	523,700
Trade	30,200	7,400	1,000	3,200	900	42,600	224,100
Transportation & Utilities	6,700	1,200	300	500	300	8,900	48,200
Financial Activities	10,200	1,900	300	700	200	13,300	161,600
Education and Health Services	21,800	6,000	1,100	2,600	700	32,100	375,800
Leisure & Hospitality	16,700	4,900	1,000	2,500	900	26,000	272,200
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	36,100	7,300	1,000	2,400	700	47,500	443,300
Total Government	21,200	5,500	1,100	3,800	1,300	33,000	376,500
Federal	1,100	300	100	100	100	1,600	29,500
State	3,800	700	0	900	400	5,800	88,500
Local	16,300	4,600	1,100	2,800	900	25,600	258,500
Change from one month ago June 2004							
Civilian Labor Force**	-600	300	-100	-400	200	-600	300
Employed	1,100	600	100	-200	300	2,000	16,100
Unemployed	-1,700	-300	-200	-200	-100	-2,600	-15,900
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.7%	-0.5%	-1.8%	-0.8%	-0.9%	-0.7%	-0.5%
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	-0.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.3%
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	-1,500	-100	-100	-500	100	-2,110	-22,400
Percent change NFWS from last month	-0.7%	-0.1%	-1.3%	-2.2%	0.8%	-0.7%	-0.8%
Total Private	300	200	40	-110	90	500	10,900
Goods Producing	800	200	30	40	30	1,100	10,500
Service Producing	-2,300	-300	-130	-530	20	-3,200	-32,900
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	300	0	20	30	10	400	4,900
Manufacturing	500	200	20	10	20	700	5,600
Trade	-200	0	0	-70	10	-300	-3,400
Transportation & Utilities	-100	0	0	-20	20	-100	-400
Financial Activities	-100	0	0	0	0	-100	600
Education and Health Services	0	100	10	-50	0	0	2,000
Leisure & Hospitality	-100	0	0	0	0	0	1,600
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	0	0	0	-20	-20	-100	500
Total Government	-1,800	-200	-140	-380	-40	-2,600	-33,300
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State	-300	0	0	0	-10	-300	-1,600
Local	-1,500	-200	-140	-380	-30	-2,300	-31,700
Change from one year ago July 2003							
Civilian Labor Force**	-800	0	-100	400	400	-100	19,700
Employed	2,100	700	100	600	500	4,100	52,500
Unemployed	-2,900	-700	-200	-200	-100	-4,200	-32,800
Unemployment rate(%)	-1.2%	-1.2%	-1.9%	-0.8%	-1.3%	-1.2%	-1.1%
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	-1.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-1.1%
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	1,100	200	0	300	200	1,700	48,800
Percent change NFWS from last year	0.5%	0.5%	-0.2%	1.2%	2.6%	0.6%	1.7%
Total Private	1,800	100	-60	130	190	2,200	54,300
Goods Producing	2,500	-200	0	30	80	2,400	15,200
Service Producing	-1,400	500	-10	230	70	-600	33,600
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	300	100	20	10	10	500	3,200
Manufacturing	2,200	-400	-20	20	80	1,900	12,000
Trade	200	200	-20	-20	0	300	4,200
Transportation & Utilities	-300	-100	-10	-20	10	-500	-2,000
Financial Activities	-600	0	10	-10	10	-600	2,600
Education and Health Services	200	-200	10	-30	10	0	10,900
Leisure & Hospitality	-400	300	-60	170	60	100	4,300
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	200	200	20	10	10	500	12,200
Total Government	-700	100	40	130	-30	-400	-5,500
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	-600
State	-600	0	0	20	10	-600	-2,500

Look for the most current Labor Market Information at: <http://www.DWD.STATE.WI.US/LMI>

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